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SUBJECT: US-EC SEMINAR: REMARK OF DANISH PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. THE SECOND "AIRLIE HOUSE" CONFERENCE ON US-EC RELATIONS

WAS HELD LAST WEEKEND AT KOLLEKOLLE, A CONFERENCE SITE

OUTSIDE OF COPENHAGEN. SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE EC

DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON AND THE US DELEGATION TO THE

EC IN BRUSSELS, THE CONFERENCE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY

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TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE EC-US RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH

OTHER AND POLICY MAKERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USEC WILL REPORT MORE GENERALLY

ON THE CONFERENCE. THE PRESENT MESSAGE IS DESIGNED

ONLY TO REPORT THE COMMENT BY DANISH PRIME MINISTER

ANKER JORGENSEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN.

THEIR PARTICIPATION IS INDICATIVE OF THE INTEREST OF THE DANES IN THIS CONFERENCE AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR ASSUMPTION OF THE EC PRESIDENCY IN JANUARY.

3. JORGENSEN, SPEAKING AT THE DINNER FOR DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS HE HOSTED AT CHRISTIANSBORG PALCE SEPTEMBER 10, WAS GRACIOUS IN HIS REMARKS. HE RECALLED THE INDEBTEDNESS OF EUROPE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MARSHALL PLAN ASSISTANCE WHICH HE TERMED "INDISPENSABLE" IN ASSURING WESTERN EUROPEAN POST-WAR RECOVERY. HE CALLED FOR A CONTINUATION AND EVEN STRENGTHENING OF THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC. BY IMPLICATION HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO ACHIEVE CLOSER POLITICAL COOPERATION. FINALLY, HE ASSERTED THAT EUROPE CAN NEVER REGARD ITSELF AS EQUAL TO THE UNITED STATES--IN SPITE OF ITS LARGER NUMBER OF INHABITANTS--UNTIL THE EUROPEANS RECOGNIZE AND ACT ON THE IDENTITY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

4. IN HIS "BACKGROUND" DISCUSSION AT THE KILLEKOLLE CONFERENCE SITE ON US-EC RELATIONS, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN MADE SOME INTERESTING SPECIFIC REMARKS. WHEN ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE

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CHARACTER OF THE DANISH EC PRESIDENCY, ANDERSEN REPLIED THAT THE DANES DO NOT HOLD ANY DRAMATIC EXPECTATIONS. THEY SEE AS ONE OF THEIR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COOPERATION ALREADY ACHIEVED AMONG THE NINE. ANDERSEN SAID THAT PERHAPS THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS THAT THE DANES WILL WORK FOR AS PRESIDENT ARE FIRST, THAT THE DANISH PRESIDENCY WILL NOT BE A VEHICLE FOR ANY CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. SECOND, THE DANES WILL WORK TO LIMITED THE USE OF THE LUXEMBOURG AGREEMENT TO QUESTIONS OF REALLY VITAL NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, ANDERSEN REITERATED STATEMENTS HE HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE THAT THE "NEUTRON BOMB" CANNOT BE DISCUSSED IN ISOLATION AND MUST BE REGARDED AS PART OF GENERAL ARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS. IN ANY CASE, THIS ISSUE CANNOT BE USED TO THE DETRIMENT OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

6. ANDERSEN SAID THAT THE BASIC POINT IN DANISH SUPPORT FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EC IS THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE OPEN TO MEMBERSHIP OF ALL EUROPEAN "DEMOCRACIES." TO PLACE UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN APPLICANTS WOULD IMPLY THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE SOME HOW IMPERFECT DEMOCRACIES AND MIGHT, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF GREECE, HAVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

INTERNAL REACTIONS.

7. ANDERSEN HAD JUST COME AWAY FROM VIENNA WHERE HE HAD TALKS WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY (FOR WHOM ANDERSEN HAS CONSIDERABLE ADMIRATION). KREISKY APPARENTLY SPOKE IN TERMS OF THE NEED FOR A NEW US-EUROPEAN "MARSHALL PLAN" FOR AFRICA. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING THIS IDEA, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT ANDERSEN WAS TAKEN BY THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND IT.

8. FINALLY, ANDERSEN TURNED ASIDE A POINTED QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE DANISH PARTICIPATION, AS EC PRESIDENT, IN THE FRG-HOSTED ECONOMIC SUMMIT NEXT SPRING. ANDERSEN SAID THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE MAJOR ECONOMIC POWERS OF THE WESTER WORLD AND JAPAN WOULD WISH TO HAVE PERIODIC, RELATIVELY PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. AND IT IS NOT IMPORTANT THAT THE SMALLER NATIONS INSISTS ON REPRESENTATIONS. (COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER THIS VIEW IS MAINTAINED BY THE DANES AS THE NEXT ECONOMIC SUMMIT APPROACHES. AS ONE OF THE SMALLER MEMBERS OF THE

NINE, THE DANES WILL NATURALLY BE SUBJECTED TO PRESSURES, BOTH  
WITHIN DENMARK AND FROM THE EC ITSELF, TO SEEK AN INVITATION FOR  
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